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On March 31, 2020, the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued updated guidance giving practitioners flexibility, during the nationwide public health emergency as declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to prescribe buprenorphine to new and existing patients with opioid use disorder **via telephone** without requiring such practitioners to first conduct an examination of the patient in person or via telemedicine.

Follow this link for more information: <https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/dea-samhsa-buprenorphine-telemedicine.pdf>.